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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1011

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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA ATTENDANCE NOT ENVISIONED AT CONFERENCE

"ALL RED SEA LITTORAL STATES.

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1. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION LATE MARCH 26 WITH MINSTATE
FOR AGRICULTURE MEKKI (WHO ACCOMPANIED NIMEIRI ON HIS RECENT
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TOUR OF SOUTHERN ARABIA AND HORN) AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER
WORDING NIMEIRI'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON RETURN HERE (PARA 3
REFTEL) WOULD MEAN THAT ETHIOPIA MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN PLANNED
RED SEA STATES. LOOKING PARTICULARLY OWLISH, MEKKI REPLIED
BY ASKING WEHTHER ETHIOPIA WAS RED SEA LITTORAL STATE.
AMBASSADOR SAID IT CERTAINLY WAS ON ALL MAPS AVAILABLE TO
HIM. MEKKI (WHO SEEMS CLOSE NIMEIRI, GENERALLY ACCOMPANYING

PRESIDENT ON HIS TRIPS) NEVERTHELESS SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT ETHIOPIA TO BE INVITED. HE SAID TFAI WOULD BE WELCOME PROVIDED IT WAS INDEPENDENT AT TIME CONFERENCE HELD.

2. COMMENT: TAIZ COMMUNIQUE OMISSION OF ANY REFERENCE RED SEA AS "ARAB LAKE" MAY BE EXPLAINED BY FOREGOING. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GOS POLICY CLEARLY ENVISIONS ESTABLISHMENT MODERATE, MOSLEM ERITREAN STATE WHICH, IF IT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED, WOULD MEAN ETHIOPIA BECAME LAND-LOCKED NATION. EVEN IN ADVANCE SUCH DEVELOPMENT, SUDANESE AND OTHER MODERATE ARABS MAY WELL TAKE POSITION THAT BURG-EONING SEPARATISM IN ERITREA MAKES CONSIDERATION ETHIOPIA AS RED SEA LITTORAL STATE QUESTIONABLE. THIS CONNECTION, GOS NEWS AGENCY MARCH 26 FEATURES ARTICLE ON ERITREAN FIGHTING WHICH INCLUDES ASSERTION THAT "EPLF YESTERDAY FINALIZED THE PURGE OF A STRATEGIC AREA ON THE ERITREAN COAST". MEANWHILE, RETURNING FONMIN KHALID TOLD PRESS MARCH 25 THAT FONMINS FOUR TAIZ MEETING STATES WOULD MEET "IN NEXT FEW DAYS" TO FIX DATE AND PREPARE AGENDA FOR PLANNED CONCLAVE RED SEA STATES.
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